COMMENCEMENT WEEK BEGINS NEXT MONDAY

Thirteen Will Graduate this Year and Elaborate Preparations Are Being Made to Have a Week of Pleasure-Many Pleasant Events Scheduled to Appear at the Opera House-"The Pennant" Friday, May 7

day evening, May 14, which comes next week. In accordance with custom great things that center about those who have completed twelve years of hard study, and the local events planned for the coming week are in keeping with the plans of the school commencement festivities all over the

"The Pennant" Friday May 7 The festivities of the week will begin at the Opera House promptly at eight o'clock next Friday evening. For almost a half year all the musical organizations of the High School have Eighth Grade Graduation Thursday been practicing to present an operetta on this date. It is one continuous round of music, instrumental and vocal solos and choruses, for a period of about two hours. It will undoubtedly be pronounced the greatest local musical that has ever been produced. Seats are being reserved at the Elk Drug Store, now; the High School students are selling the tickets, which will entitle the holder to a reserved seat upon its presentation at the Elk Drug Store. Despite the fact that this production is staged at big expense, the admission is at popular prices-fifty cents for adults and thirty-five cents for pupils in the schools.

Union Baccalaureate Service On next Sunday all the churches of Tucumcari will unite in one service at | the Opera House, beginning at eleven o'clock. The Rev. A. N. Evans of the Methodist church will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the class, at this time. Special music will be furnished by the several churches, and by the High School people, under the leadership of Miss Georgia Gardner, musical director of the Public Schools, assisted by Miss Shelby, Chorister of the Methodist church.

Class Night Wednesday, May 12 On Wednesday evening at the High School the Class of 1915 will give its program. This consists of music, essays, etc., and will be the last program in the High School career, to be given by the class, that leaves the school this year. Already the sentiment shows that there will be a crowd that will overflow the High School Assembly on that occasion, to hear the graduation essays, and orations of the Seniors. To help defray the expense for the different occasions, there shall be a small sum of fifteen cents charged at the door, for this program.

Commencement Night, Friday, May 14 The school year, as well as the Commencement Season, will close on Friday night, with the delivery of the diplomas to the largest class ever completing a four-year high school course in this part of the state. In spite of the fact that the class numbers thirteen, it is the most fortunate in numbers that Tucumcari has known Eight of the class have taken the full four-year course in the Tucumcari High School, and the other five, while taking the major portion of the work here, did several years' of their high school work in the public schools of other states, or in some of the higher educational institutions of New Mexico. Following is the class roll:

Allen, Hettie Aull, Harold Bonds, Fisher DeOliviera, Rhea Edwards, Edith Gee, Freddie Gerhardt, Earl Goldenberg, Charles Holt, Alice Jones, Norval Keeler, Gladys Wharton, Clinton

Whitmore, Zilla Fisher Bonds took her first high school work in the High School Department of the Sherman (Texas) Public Schools; Rhea DeOliviera was a student in the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Las Cruces, for two years but chose to complete his high school career in the local school, and will therefore get his diploma from Tucumcari instead of from the State College. Freddie Gee begun high school work in Caruthersville, Mo., and for the last three years has been one of the Tucumcari class. The same can be said of Alice Holt, who formerly attended the Pittsburg, Texas, High School. Clinton Wharton was a student of the New Mexico Military Academy, at Roswell, for his early high school work, but like Rhea DeOliviera, after some experience in a state institution

will be given by the Honorable Ralph ing made to prevent a further spread at his office so that he will have no C. Ely of Santa Fe. Mr. Ely is a pol- of the disease.

and earn his diploma from the Tu-

cumcari High School, which he has

The Tucumcari Public Schools will | ished scholar, a man of broad vision, close the school year 1914-1915 on Fri- and one who can delight the most cosmopolitan audience. He is the man who put Deming on the map, about the last week of the year is filled with five years ago, and since then has been in the public eye. He is the State Chairman for the Republican Party, President of the New Mexico State Fair, and is the executive head

of the New Mexico Central Railroad. There will be a small admission of twenty-five cents for the Commencement program at the Opera House, to all except the school children who will pay ten cents. This admission will be used to defray the expenses for this and other occasions.

The class with greatest numbers ever known in Quay county is the class that completes the Eighth Grade and that will receive certificates that entitle the holder to enter the Tucumcari High School next fall, or any other high school in the state. This class has passed the examination prepared by the State Department of Education, and conducted under the direction of County Superintendent E. Pack. Seventy-five young people in the county of Quay have shown their ability to do the work of the Ninth Grade next year and have been invited to take part in the public graduation exercises at the Opera House on next Thursday evening. An excellent program has been prepared and there will doubtless be an excellent attendance to hear the program and see the persons who will fill the high schools

Representative Henry Swan, who represented Quay county in the 2nd State Legislature, has been secured to give the chief address of the evening. On account of the size of the class, it was impossible to hold the exercises at the High School, and the members of the class have secured the Opera House for the occasion. They have paid the rental of the house themselves, and will not need to charge admission for their program.

FOUND DIAMONDS IN WELL

Is Eastern New Mexico underlaid with diamonds? You may not have heard about it, as it has been kept quiet, but diamonds have actually been taken out of the ground at a 200-foot depth, which for hardness and uncut brilliancy are not excelled.

Lee Farrington, of McAlister, has a fine specimen which he took from a well which he was drilling some time ago. In fact he got two of them from the well but misplaced one of them. The one he still has, while not as large as the other, is of large size and even in its uncut state shows the fire and brilliancy of the finest diamonds. And it is so hard that it cuts glass perfectly without leaving a scar on the

Mr. Farrington who is a substantial farmer and thresherman of the Mc-Alister district, expects to have the gem cut and mounted and its worth estimated.--Melrose Dairyman Farm-

FERGUSON OF TROY

The Elks Club is planning to give the people of Tucumcari a home talent show worth your special attention some time in the early part of June. The local members will be assisted by professionals in the persons of Chas. Ernest Terrell and Miss Frankie Terrell, who will have charge of the play and choose their assistants from the large number of eligibles in that order. The play will be given under the auspices of the B. P. O. E. and this alone guarantees that it will be all right and strictly up to the minute as a fun producer. Look out for a more detailed description later.

LIGHTNING KILLS GOATS

Alamogordo, N. M., May 4 .- Fred M. Bradford, who has a goat ranch on the Sacramento river in the Sacramento mountains, who is in Alamoogordo today for supplies, reports that his herds suffered severely in two of the late storms which swept over his ranch. In one, a bolt of lightning struck the herd, killing 76 of the goats and plowed a crevice in the ground more than two feet wide and 60 feet in length. The herder was badly stunned. Following this rain and hail killed 40 of the kids.

CLOVIS FULL OF MEASLES

Clovis, N. M., May 3 .- Fifty cases of measles have been reported to the health authorities here. The disease decided to finish the work at home, is in a mild form, but nevertheless the outbreak is causing much concern. While some parents are keeping their a hard problem to solve but he finally children at home, it has not been The address to the graduating class | thought necessary, up to this time, to | window and entering by that route. on Friday evening at the Opera House close the schools. Every effort is be- He says he intends to leave a key

ENLARGED HOMESTEAD LAW The following Act to amend an Act SUPT. HOFER IS entitled "An act to provide for an enlarged homestead:

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections three and four of the act entitled "An act to provide for an enlarged homestead," approved February nineteenth, nineteen hundred and nine, and of an act entitled "An act to provide for an enlarged homestead," approved June seventeenth, nineteen hundred and ten, as amended by an act approved February eleventh, nineteen hundred and thirteen, be, and the same are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. That any person who has made, or shall make, homestead entry of lands of the character herein described, and who has not submitted final proof thereon, or who having submitted final proof still owns and occupies the land thus entered, shall have the right to enter public lands, subject to the provisions of this act, contiguous to his first entry, which shall not, together with the original ty acres: PROVIDED, That the land any kind was indulged in. originally entered and that covered by the additional entry shall have first been designated as subject to this act as provided by section one thereof.

Sec. 44. That at the time of mak-

ing final proof, as provided in section

twenty-two hundred and ninety-one of the Revised Statutes, the entryman under this Act shall, in addition to the proofs and affidavits required under said section, prove by himself and two creditable witnesses that at least one-sixteenth of the area embraced in such entry was continuously cultivated for agricultural crops other than native grasses, beginning with the second year of the entry, and that at least one-eighth of the area embraced in the entry was so continuously cultivated beginning with the third year of the entry: PROVIDED. That any qualified person who has heretofore made, or who hereafter makes additional entry under the provisions of section three of this Act to an entry upon which final proof has not been made, may be allowed to perfect title to his original entry by showing compliance with the provisions of section twenty-two hundred and ninety-one of the Revised Statutes, respecting such original entry and thereafter in making proof upon his additional entry shall be credited with residence maintained upon his iginal entry, but the cultivation required upon entries made under this act must be shown respecting such additional entry, which cultivation, while it may be made upon either the original or additional entry or upon both entries, must be cultivated in addition to that relied upon and used in making proof upon the original entry or, if he elects, his original and additional entries may be considered as one, with full credit for residence upon and improvement made upon his original entry, in which event the amount of cultivation herein required shall apply to the total area of the combined entry, and proof may be made upon such combined entry whenever it can be shown that the cultivation required by this section has been performed; and to this end the time within which proof must be made upon such a combined entry is hereby extended to seven years from the date of the original entry: PRO-VIDED FURTHER, That where an entry is made as additional to an entry upon which final proof has theretofore been submitted by an entryman who still owns and occupies the land thus entered, the entryman in making proof upon his additional entry shall be credited with residence maintained upon his original entry from date thereof, but the cultivation required upon entries made under this act must be shown respecting such additional entry and must be performed upon the land included therein to the extent and for the period required in connection with the original entries under this act, proof of which must be submitted within five years from and after the date of the additional entry: PROVIDED FURTHER, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to require residence upon the combined entry in excess of the period of residence as required by section twenty-two hundred and ninety-one of the Revised Statutes.'

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What a man will do wnen he is left alone was pretty well demonstrated

the other day. Mrs. J. D. Cutlip left last week in company with her sister, Mrs. Ada Campbell, of Chicago, for a trip to the coast where they will spend several months taking in the fairs. It seems that the Judge wanted to be real careful about keeping the house ocked and safe. He locked the front door and all the other outside doors and went out through the kitchen door which has a night lock and automatically locks itself. He failed to carry a key so he was locked out. It was worked it by prizing up the bathroom trouble getting in hereafter.

AGAIN ELECTED

The board met this afternoon and elected seventeen teachers, the rest of the places to be filled at the next

meeting. Supt. Hofer was re-elected. W. D. Shadwick, Elizabeth Steph-

enson, Hazel Myers, Florence Seder, and Georgia Gardner were also reelected to hold the same places they had last year.

The following grade teachers were chosen

Eugenia Roy, Myrtice Nelms, Lilian Bess, Eula Street, Grace L. Jeffreys, Louise Mprphy, Cornelius Burke, Mary Fitzgerald, Mary J. White, Miss Cavanaugh, Miss Mae Syler.

From reports we learn that the board had a good meeting and everything went along as well as any meet ing ever before held with new mementry, exceed three hundred and twent beers on the board. No wrangling of

Monday forenoon the old school board met and finished such business as would properly come before that body and arranged for the swearing

in of the new members. Bills were allowed and the clerk or-.

lered to draw warrants for same. At four o'clock the board again met and after swearing in the new members, Messrs. Stark and Putman, the president, Mr. Goldenberg, asked for nominations for president to fill the vacancy made by the retirement of

himself from the board. Mr. Stark nominated Wm. Troup, who has been a member of the board and an untiring worker for the interests of the school, and he was unanimously chosen to fill that place. Mrs. Donohoo was chosen again to act as clerk because her work was beyond eriticism.

After some discussion in regard to the choosing of teachers a committee consisting of three members. Stark. Putman and Meeker, was chosen to take up the matter and report same to the board to pass upon Thursday.

TO TAXPAYERS

fice since we began the mailing of who may be interested, concerning the new tax law and the assessment of

Quay County. Under the recent act of the Legislature, House Bill No. 327, all property is required to be assessed at its full actual value, instead of at onethird value, as in former years. This Act provided for the limiting of tax levies sufficiently to keep the actual tax money collected about the same as in former years. This change would not have raised taxes. If the same amount of money is collected, it makes no material difference whether it is collected by the high rate on a low valuation or by the low rate on a high valuation. The latter seems

the better way. On account of other circumstances lowever, it is my opinion that taxes will be higher this year than ever before. In spite of the limiting of tax levies by law, the expenditures of will be extracted from the pockets of to whip any of the local officials. the taxpayers.

The recent session of the Legislaure did not neglect its duty of money spending. Much of this money was spent wisely. To ordinary humans t seems that much of it was thrown away. Whether it was spent wisely or foolishly, this legislature, appropriated more money than any previous legislature, and the taxpayers of the State will have to pay the bill.

I have been advised by the State Tax Commission that a material increase in valuation would be necessary. The best efforts of the taxing officials of this county have failed to raise the valuation to anything near the point which the Commission thinks will be necessary. Many raises have been made but the shrinkage in the value of city property has made many reductions unavoidable.

The mailing of notices does not mean that your valuation was raised. Whether or not any change was made in the valuation, this notice was mailed to every tax-payer. The object of this is to inform the taxpayer just how he is assessed, so that if mistake or excessive assessment has been made he may call the error to the attention of the taxing officials within the time allowed by law.

JAMES BRISCOE Assessor Quay County, N. Mex.

Set a thief to catch a thief. Of oil, wine, friends, the oldest is the best.

Dead men tell no tales. Escaping from a difficulty by implicating another. Humble things are never very lia-

ble to change, just as the roots and trunk of a tree rarely feel the violence of the storms. What is every man's business is no

man's business.

ELDER-TROUP

One of the most beautiful weddings occurred last night at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Wm. Troup, two miles northeast of this city when Mr. R. M. Elder and Miss Elizabeth Troup were united in the holy bond of wedlock, Rev. P. B. Henderlite, of the Presbyterian church officiating.

A bountiful wedding supper was served by Mrs. Troup to a number of guests who were present at the ceremoney. The table was beautifuly decorated with flowers and other ornamentations and those present say is was the most elaborate affair witnessed this season.

Miss Troupe is well known to the citizens of Tucumcari because of her being associated as clerk and bookkeeper for the American Furniture Co. and other mercantile establishments of Tucumcari.

The groom, Mr. Elder, has not been a resident of this city long but he has made many friends during his stay. He is employed in the railroad offices here and expects to remain in this

The contracting parties were the recipients of many nice presents and have the best wishes of a host of friends for a prosperous and pleasant l journey through life.

MATRIMONIAL MARKET GOOD This week a number of licenses have

been issued and Judge J. D. Cutlip has been a busy man because he performed most of the ceremonies in the court house and on nearly every occasion he secured the services of Lee G. Pearson, our popular county treasurer, to be one of the witnesses. It is noticed that no matter how busy Mr. Pearson is when he can be of any service to any body, especially on occasions of this kind, he forgets the office work long enough to lend his assistance.

Among those who were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the marriage specialist, Judge J. D. Cutlip, were the following couples: H. B. Hancock, Logan, and Miss Lil-

lie Powell, of Hudson. They were married last Thursday in the office of Judge Cutlip.

Martin Kirs, Rana, and Miss Della Powers of the same place. Married last Thursday.

John R. Stockett, Wayside, Texas, On account of the great number of and Miss Macie McGee of the same aquiries which have come to my of- place. Married Wednesday, May 5 James A. Kinkead, Montoya, and notices of valuation of property, the Miss Nellie Parker of Lucille. This original entry from date of such or- following statement is made to these wedding also occurred yesterday at the court house.

Judge Cutlip performed all of these ceremonies and did them in his usual short and precise way.

CAN'T UNDERSTAND

For a week past the office of the Tax Assessor has been flooded with questions and complaints from the taxpayers.

The new tax law seems to be generally misunderstood. It is probable that taxes will be higher this year than ever before, but any person acquainted with our taxation system knows that the local officials are helpless. These officials face unusual difficulties in attempting to raise the immense amounts of money appropriated by the last Legislature, at a time when property values, especially in the towns, are very low.

If not satisfied with the assessment of your property, read the statement the State must be met. When the by James Briscoe, county assessor, Legislature appropriates money, it on another page, before you attempt

WHEAT LOOKING FINE The editor of the Dairyman Farm-

er spent a couple of days last week out in the wheat belt north of here and found growing condition splendid. Some of the wheat is 10 and 12 inches high, a uniform stand, and is growing unusually good.

Spring wheat is still being sown and every acre that is available will be put in wheat. Some of the best posted growers say that the acreage is from three to five times as large as last year, an increase of 200 to 400 per cent.

Growers say they cannot see but one thing that will prevent wheat from maturing now and that will be a hail through this section .- Melrose Dairyman Farmer.

SOME CATTLE BRANDER

Montoya, N. M., May 3-Cattle can be branded at a rate of more than one a minute in the new branding and vaccinating chute erected at the Kohn ranch in this district. During the last week more than 1000 head of yearling steers have been branded and one day 125 steers were branded in exactly one hour and twenty minutes. There is what is called a "squeezer" at one end of the chute, and in this the animal is held for the time necessary for either branding or vaccinating.

MR. PACK IS QUITE SICK For several days E. Pack, County

Supt. of Schools, has been suffering with a severe attack of rheumatism. One leg has been practically useless and he has been suffering severe pain. Reports from him today say that he is not improving. His many friends are sorry to learn of this misfortune and hope he will soon recover from the

OLD CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

Another one of our oldest and most respected citizens passed away last Saturday afternoon after a long and painful illness. This time John W. Cawlfield, who was known to every person in town perhaps because of the fact that he lived for years at foot of the mountain and was a ! no to everyone who chanced to go out there to spend the day.

Mrs. Cawlfield passed away about a year ago and was taken back to her

former home in Texas for burial. Since the death of his wife Mr. Cawl field resided on the home place and last year rented an adjoining farm where he raised a big crop of feed last season. He had rented this same place for this year but was suddenly taken sick about three months ago and was partially paralyzed. It was thought then that he could not live long but he seemed to rally and at times seemed to grow stronger, but last Friday he grew weaker and Saturday afternoon he gave up the fight and is now sleeping in peace in the world where no disease will cause him the pain and sufferings he has experienced during his recent fatal illness.

The body was prepared for ship-ment and left here Monday morning for his former home in Texas where the funeral services were held and the burial made beside his wife.

The trip to the mountain will seem a different one and when we return to the base of old Tucumcari we will not have any body to give us a drink or cut a nice big watermelon with which to quench our thirst and offer us a chair in the shade of a most hospitable home. The boys will miss the watermelon treats often given to them and we feel his loss more because he believed in this country and did his part to show to the world that with a little work and energy a man could raise a crop no matter whether it rained regularly or not.

The world is always poorer when a man like Mr. Cawlfield is called away because it is hard to fill the vacancy made thereby, but rather than see him suffer as he has suffered for the past few weeks we are glad death came to relieve him of this pain.

ART EXHIBIT

Mrs. D. K. Thompson art teacher, gave her first art exhibit on last Saturday afternoon in the auditorium of the High School. This class consists of about 14 of Tucumcari's promising young artists. Their drawings were artistically arranged about the walls of the room and were both inspected and highly complimented by the visitors who were brave enough to face the storm.

A program consisting of songs, music and extracts from the artists that had been studied, was given by the scholars, while Mrs. Thompson gave two interesting papers on the lives and habits of famous artists. The afternoon closed with a social hour, and all enjoyed dainty refreshments served by the hostess.

MONDAY SALES A SUCCESS

The Monday sales were satisfactory to all concerned and Mr. Hunter intends to continue same as long as the merchants will support it. Many sales were made and many bargains turned loose. It is hoped to interest the farming so that they will bring in stock and implements or anything they do not need and let the auctioneer sell it for them and thus make two people happy, one by obtaining money for something he does not need while the other obtains something he needs for a small amount of money.

WEATHER EFFECTS BUSINESS This morning we had the promise of a good ad from H. Bonem. He expected to make a special sale of his famous line of Palm Beach Suits. We called for the ad and expected to secure at least a quarter of a page, but to our surprise Mr. Bonem had on his winter coat and his hat was pulled down nearly over his ears and he said he had decided to wait until next week to announce the prices of Palm Beach Suits and ice cream trousers. tried to induce him to put on a special sale of overcoats, but he would not fall for it so if you don't see any ad this week from that store you will know the reason why.

ENGINEERS DISPLEASED

Chicago, Ill., May 1.-Disapproval of the arbitration award made last night to 64,000 locomotive engineers, firemen and hostlers employed on 98 railroads operating west of Chicago, was expressed today by W. S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

"The engineers have gained tically nothing by the award," Stone said. "There are approximately 34,-000 engines in the territory and on not more than 3,000 of these have the engineers gained an increase in wages, and that increase is so slight that it amounts to practically nothing We had better rules before than those

twelve months hence.